THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) According to DESU, the process of disconnection of supply to a surrendered Government accommodation is normally completed in two days time subject to receipt of formal request from the outgoing allottee and payment of the final bill by him. However, any specific case of undue delay in disconnecting the supply of a surrendered Government accommodation can be looked into by DESU.

**Tehri Hydel Project**

956. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation has been given sanction of funds to proceed ahead with the construction work of the Tehri Dam and other jobs related to the project;

(b) if not, at what stage of consideration the project is at present and by when it is likely to be cleared; and

(c) whether earlier objections and conditions laid down by various Government agencies, and advisory bodies regarding safety of the Dam, ecological aspects and rehabilitation of the probably oustees have withdrawn or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) A proposal for resuming work on the Tehri project and sanction of funds from Plan resources for execution of essential works during the current working season is under the active consideration of Central Government. Simultaneously, due to the non-availability of Soviet assistance, alternate source of funding is also being explored.

(c) Government has through several Committees, Experts of International repute and specialised agencies examined the safety of the Tehri Dam due to its location in a seismic area and have fully established the safety of the Tehri Dam. The Project has also received clearance from ecological and rehabilitation aspects subject to implementation of conditions laid down by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

**Funds sanctioned for Tehri Hydro Development Corporation**

957. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise amount sanctioned by the Central Government for Tehri Hydro Development Corporation during the last three years;

(b) whether the amount so sanctioned was fully utilised by the Corporation, if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the amount was withheld, if so, the year-wise deaths thereof and also the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) The information is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

| S.No. | Year | Central Budget Allocation | Funds released to THDC | Funds Utilised by THDC | Reasons for variation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1990-91 | 168 | 168 | 169.16 | .. |
| 2 | 1991-92 | 170 | 83.55 | 79.00 | On account of disintegration of the Soviet Union, Soviet Credit for the Project through the Budget was not available. THDC could not utilise funds as substantial amount was released after identifying savings from other sources on 31-3-92. |
| 3 | 1992-93 | 50 | 43 | 79.89 | The spill-over of the funds available from the previous year were spent on various activities. |